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1. On 6 April 1947 a mixed column was observed on the Autobahn near Weimar, traveling in the direction of Erfurt. The column consisted of: -

- a. About six long-barreled anti-tank guns;
- b. Three field kitchens;
- c. One Red Cross car and three other cars;
- d. Twenty trucks with personnel;
- e. Six medium/heavy howitzers, single-axled, about 4 feet high, medium to short barrel, caliber at least 200mm. The rear four feet of the barrel were covered by an unusual sheet steel roof.

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3. On 14 April the following vehicles and guns were seen in Weimar:

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- a. Six trucks (Formation sign: crossed gun barrels with TSHAH).
- b. Six guns, about 120mm, barrel length at least three meters. These guns rested on a low platform of four small rubber wheels (about 40 cm. high) joined by iron stays.

4. In the first two weeks of April 1947, a further 200 rooms had to be made available in Weimar for the accommodation of Soviet Air Force personnel.

5. On 20 April 1947, conversations were held between a representative of the Komendatura and a representative of the Magistrat regarding the provision of still further accommodations. After seven hours of fruitless discussion it was pointed out to the Russian representative that already twenty-five per cent of all accommodations in Weimar were at their disposal. The latter, however, insisted on the evacuation of still more civilians and the release of further hutments, including the former Reichsarbeitsdienst Barracks at the Buttstedterstrasse, where ex-Nazis are imprisoned. The German authorities were warned that further demands for accommodation would be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

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6. Two tanks were observed in Halle on 23 April 1947. Particulars noted were:

- a. Width about 3m.
- b. Height, including turret, nearly 2m. (the turret merged into the hull).
- c. Gun barrel about 2m. long; medium caliber.

7. One of the tanks [REDACTED]

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